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U - Mr. Lovett

Mr. McClintock brought to me today Mr. Forrestal's letter of yesterday's date about the implications for our general foreign policy of certain possible U. S. commitments with respect to Palestine.

I gathered from Mr. McClintock and from the draft reply to Mr. Forrestal which he had prepared that it was your wish that the Policy Planning Staff should take Mr. Forrestal's statements into account and should see that long-term policy plans were modified accordingly.

We have considered Mr. Forrestal's letter in the Staff. My personal feeling is that this is a matter of such great moment and seriousness that it should certainly be thoroughly discussed with the Secretary and with the President before any implications are drawn from Mr. Forrestal's letter for the work of this Staff or any other offices in the Department of State. I will therefore do nothing about this in the Staff until I can have an opportunity to talk it over further with you.

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